

REMARKS

The Office, under 35 USC §121, has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants provisionally elect to pursue **Figure 1 and claims 1-16**, with traverse.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the two species noted in the Restriction Requirement, Figure 1 and Figure 2, clearly relate to the *same hardware*, with only the *views* differing between the two Figures. As stated at paragraph [0012] of the Specification as filed: "Figure 2 is a detailed sectional elevational view [of the hardware shown in Figure 1] showing a portion of document handler 10 and main body 20; in this Figure, document handler 10 is shown slightly spaced from the main body 10, as would occur when the document handler 10 is raised slightly." In short, Figure 1 shows the document handler *closed*, and Figure 2 shows the *same* document handler, in a slight close-up, slightly *raised*. For this reason there is no distinction between the two Figures, in terms of subject matter desired to be patented.

Although the above provisional election has been made to expedite the prosecution of this application, the election shall not be considered to have any effect on any arguments relating to patentability, as may be raised in subsequent prosecution regarding any aspect of subject matter described in the Specification as filed.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-3811, Rochester, NY.

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